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OF HIS  
MAJESTIES  
RECEPTION  
And Royall Entertainment at  
LINCOLN:

BY THE  
Knights, Esquires, Gentlemen, and  
Freeholders of the said  
COUNTY.

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**U**Pon the disloyall Opposition maintained against His Majesty at Hull, and some parricular Intimations from the Lord *Willoughby* of *Parrham* to the Chiefe and Petty Constables within their severall devisions, of certaine Troopes of Horle likely to come out of the South, to be quartered about Lincolne (with other concurring presumption) it was apprehended (by those of quickest insight into publique Affaires) that our Country (in these distracted Times) was likely to prove the Stage of some dismall Tragedy (the seat of a deplored Warre.) Whereupon the prudence, and providence of some (whose Affections and Zeale to Publique good, have Merited worthily of the Country, and therein also of the whole Kingdome) were awakened to endeavour his Majesties Visit of this Country, a hopefull meanes to prevent that misery. His Majesty (wholy intent upon the Peoples safety) was graciously pleased to come amongst us; and how those Clouds of our fears lessen, and what transcendent expressions of Justice, Mercy, and Protection He gave to us? His Majesties Speech

will present to you. That which I undertake (with a desire ingeniously to discharge) is a brieft and true Relation of that Loyall, dutifull Reception (beyond all expectation) he found amongst us. I need not speak (what many have already divulg'd) That Lincolnshire should be one of the leading Presidents of conformity and obedience, to the Ordinance concerning the *Militia*, but 'tis thought *wednesdaies* Work will beget a better beliefe. True it is, His Majesties Resolution for *Lincolne* coming suddenly, and the Summons to the Knights, Gentlemen, and Freeholders, not dispersed very speedily, a slender appearance (under those disadvantages) had been excuseable: But to the glory of God, the Honour of His Anointed, the Credit of our Religion, and prooffe of our Loyalty, I write (and thousands will attest) it, there was never a more joyfull, unanimous, orderly Confluence at any time, upon any occasion, before any presence. There hath beene much speech of the sixty thousands in Yorkshire, and surely (so far as the view, and Judgement of the Field led me) we yeelded not much in number, and nothing in weight. For foure Miles the way was a Throng, which received our Sovereigne all along, with such Peales of Showrs, and vocall Acclamations (*A King, A King, A King*) as abundantly testified the Joy, and Loyalty of our Hearts, all our Bodies animated as it were with one Soule, willing, if possible (in a Voice to our dread Sovereigne) to have breathed it out in gratulations. The Gentry (not satisfied with sound) all drew their Swords, ready to plead His Majesties Rights

Rights (in a Loyall Adherency to Him, in the way of His gracious Speech, and Declarations) with the utmost hazards. The Clergy (computed between two and three hundred) Eccl oed out, and redoubled their gratulatory Salutations (*Vivat Rex*) with such a pleasingnesse and content to His Majesty, as He vouchsafed a Princely Recognition of their Dutifull Expressions. His Highnesse passing through this Guard (the many thousands specified) and desirous to revive the hopes of our Happinesse, with His Speech as well as presence, prepar'd one for that purpose ; which being bruited (as is now commonly disperfed) His Majesty commended Sir *John Monson* to Reade to us in His owne Presence, an everlasting Witnesse of His gracious Goodnesse) which envy will never Staine, nor time Perish. One thing (by the way) wou'd not be silenced, That in this great concourse, there was not observed a Papist of any note, within this whole Countrey that waited on Him, the common Blurre wherewith many Malignants too boldly scandall, and asperse Him. The Countrey with a Loyall violence thus pursuing him : The City (pregnant with like joyfull conceptions) was delivered of his Congratulations by the Recorder (the proper Organ for those Conveyances) who may well beare a part in this rare Consort, whereto His Majesty *Ex Tempore*, made a gracious answer to every Branch. The whole Corporation awaited with a full Appearance of their train'd Bands, and all other possible solemnity they could expresse, upon so short a notice : Infomuch, That many thinke *Wednesday* was the



the Funerall of the New *Militia*; if so, certainly it had an Honorable Entertainment: But I had rather observe, then calculate. Yesterday the Prime Gentry of our County presented an humble Petition to His Majesty, by the Hand of the right Honorable the Lord *Willoughby* of *Erfely*, which found a most gracious exceptance, and received a no lesse gracious answer: That for His Person, Crowne, Estate, or Posterity, He neither expected, nor desired their, nor any of His Subjects assistance, longer then he should protect them, their Religion, Lawes, Interests and just Rights of Parliament. In which Cases, Let the Tongue cleave to the Roofe of that Mouth that speaks, and the Hand wither from that Arme, that moves against Him. There is a Petition prepar'd to be presented to the Honorable House of Commons, already Subscribed by the Chiefe Barronets, Knights, Esquires, Gentlemen, and Clergy of the County, and is to be attested (with all speed and conveniency) by the concurrent Freeholders, which done, It will appeare to be the sense of the whole County, as a Letter to Master *Speaker* plainly intimates, which for the Readers better satisfaction, shall be forthwith Published.

The last place brings in a List of those many Worrhies of our Country, who (after the Famous example of the Noble Volunteers of Israel, in the Dates of *Deborah*) offered themselves willingly the Lords Assistants, by furnishing his Anointed Vicegerent (upon the grounds, and for the ends in the Declaration specified) with some Troops of Horses for Publique Service in the Countries safety.

Which

Which free Oblation, presented to His Majesty,  
(with many expressions of the Countries enflamed  
Zeale, to Serve Him, in all His Just Commands)  
was received with as much Grace and Favour, as  
could be expected from so High a Majesty. And  
doubtlesse, the good Example of their Loyalty to  
His Majesty, and Affection to the Publique good,  
will draw on a Generall Concurrence in so Hono-  
rable an Engagement; whereto the present Sessi-  
ons, and diligence of the well affected will give a  
speedy and great Advancement.

From Lincoln, July 15.

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